

GAR SHORTAGE IN COLORADO

GRAND JUNCTION, Col., Oct. 21.

A shortage of refrigerator cars has precipitated a crisis in the western slope movement and has upset the calculations of every shipper and is entailing a loss to the growers which if not speedily remedied will reach a hundred thousand dollars. For about 48 hours Saturday and Sunday there was not a single empty refrigerator car this side of the mountains, although in the vicinity of Grand Junction alone there were over 100 cars of apples boxed and ready for shipment. There are practically no storage facilities at all, much less any cold storage, and the apples in most cases lay in the boxes stacked in the orchards at the mercy of any storm, had one occurred, which would have completely ruined them. The local shippers, under the circumstances, were compelled for the time being to refuse to accept further deliveries and cautioned the growers to pick the fruit as slowly as possible. The railroads, which all during the early part of the season had predicted that this year would be an exception to the usual shortage conditions and that there would be plenty of cars, did everything possible to relieve the situation and at present there is some improvement. By a new pettiway kind of car available the shippers have managed to keep the fruit moving slowly and every empty as fast as it is delivered from the east is being rushed to western slope points. It is largely a case of fruit movement exceeding the rolling stock capacity of the roads, which the lack of local storage facilities makes doubly unfortunate. Two years ago a third of the Montrose crop was lost by rotting on the platform awaiting shipment and at the present time both the Montrose and Delta districts are worse off than Grand Junction in respect to the car shortage. This is partly due to the fact that they are off the main line of the railroad, and all cars both go and come through Grand Junction. It was claimed that the latter point was stealing all the cars, but as a matter of fact there are few cars for any point. It is estimated that during the present week 1000 cars are needed to adequately handle the western slope fruit movement and there are scarcely a hundred available. All last week the local shippers got out from 10 to 15 cars daily, when 30 or 40 cars should have been shipped if there had been the facilities.

Under these circumstances the comparatively few growers who sold their crops as they stood on the trees to the agents of eastern houses who have been through all the Colorado fruit districts during the past two

There have been a few cars of late pears shipped during the past week, but the great majority of the shipments have been apples or potatoes. Cantaloupes and peaches are still on the local market, but are not up to a shipping standard. Hotchkiss, Pannonia and Delta, where the season is later, are still shipping Elbertas, but are not getting as high a price as local peaches brought three weeks ago. There have been some express shipments of Tokay and Muscat grapes of unusually fine stock, but no quantity shipments and state markets have absorbed most of the output. Concord grapes have been very scarce.

In the apple movement about 200 cars have gone out from the valley during the past ten days. The high prices quoted on the Chicago market for Colorado apples have been reflected here and the best Jonathans and Grimes Golden have sold from \$2 to \$2.25 a box f. o. b. here. A car of the former from Fruita brought \$3.15 on the Chicago auction market, netting the growers \$2.45. The \$3 a box net received for a car two weeks ago is still the record for the season. Wolf Rivers, Maiden Blush and other standard varieties are selling for slightly less.

The big potato movement is now on all over the slope and every section is reporting a big crop. At Fruita, the spud center of the Grand valley, about 300 cars are expected, and about half are already shipped. The Plateau valley, also in this county, will ship a couple of hundred cars of extra high grade potatoes.

The Montrose territory expects to ship 1000 cars during the season, which are handled through Denver commission houses. Delta expects 200

cars of spuds. Carbondale, the other big potato center in the state this side of the mountains, will ship 500 cars from the territory.

With the shortage of refrigerator cars for fruit shipments from western slope points daily growing more serious, it was announced Thursday that the Armour car line company would turn over 500 additional refrigerator cars for immediate use and these, with cars the railroads are promising "in a day or two" are expected to materially relieve the situation. Only prevailing fine weather has prevented serious damage so far.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

William J. Scott to Heyen L. Haskins, property in block 4, Medford	1
W. J. Drumhill to Jesse Houck, W 1/2 of lot 10, block 32, Medford	350
John A. Churchman to Charles C. Harris, lots 13, 14 and 15, block H, Railroad addition to Ashland	1000
C. K. Klum to Mary L. Whitney, 60 acres in section 10, township 37, range 2 E...	10
B. W. Powell to L. E. Williams, lot 3, block 4, Barr addition to Medford	1
William J. Warner et al., to Charles H. Little, land in Orchard Home Fruit tract	1
D. McDonald to Ernest N. Bieden, property in Cottage addition to Medford	275
A. O. Juve to H. P. Hargrave, property in Morey addition to Medford	1500
Alpha Hartman to Mendon F. Schlutt, 116.38 acres in town ship 37, range 1 W	4280
C. A. Hamlin to Theresa J. Boardman, S 1/2 of N 1/2 lot 16, block 1, Cottage addition to Medford	10
Joseph B. Bristow to Frank E. Schneider, S E 1/4 of S W 1/4 section 6, township 39, range 1 W	10
T. W. Brittain to H. S. Evans, land in township 39, range 1 E	10
H. L. Whitte to Oliver S. Andrews, 1.45 acres in section 9, township 39, range 1 E	600
Charles C. Harris to Peter Deegan, lots 13, 14 and 15, block H, Railroad addition to Ashland	10
Henry G. Enders to B. Beach, property in Ashland	10

Of Interest to Mothers.

There is one subject which always interests the mothers of young children, and that is how to treat their coughs and colds, or to ward off a threatened attack of croup. For this purpose we can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always proves beneficial. In case of croup it should be given as soon as the croupy cough appears, so as to prevent the attack. Keep it at hand ready for instant use. Many mothers do so, and it saves them much uneasiness. For sale by Leon B. Haskins' Pharmacy.

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COFFINS TOO CHEAP.

MAKERS COMPLAIN

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—The burial casket manufacturers and jobbers, in convention here, are dissatisfied because the cost of dying has not kept pace with the increased cost of living. They deprecate cut-rate funerals, and are proposing to establish uniform prices for the retail trade in coffins.

"We coffin makers want the undertakers to help us out more than they do," said one delegate. "We want the undertakers to make stiffer bills, and then we can get more for our goods. Why should we have to pay double what we used to pay to live and let people die cheaply? It isn't fair and it isn't logical. There are too many undertakers. They are cutting each other's throats to get business, and, what is more to the point, they are cutting prices. Another thing, the supply of coffins is greater than the demand; that's what makes 'em so cheap."

"If a man wants a decent burial he ought to be made to pay a decent price for it. It isn't as though it was a steady drain on the family purse. Coffins are bought only occasionally, and when the occasion arises they ought to be willing to do the thing handsomely."

DIAMOND RING BRINGS FINDER A GOOD JOB

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, wife of the noted inventor, proudly exhibited to her friends yesterday a handsome diamond ring, valued at \$1100, which she lost six years ago and has just recovered. Coincident with the return of the ring, a new employe takes up his duties in the Edison laboratory in Llewellyn park, in the person of Robert S. McCarthy of Orange, who, though out of work and in financial need, returned the ring to Mrs. Edison as he soon as he found out that she owned it. McCarthy found the ring six years ago, but thought the stone was glass until he submitted to a jeweler the other day. Then he began a search for the owner, and was rewarded with a check and a job.

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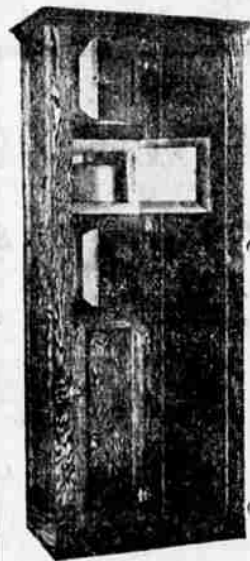
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The property faces on two streets and would subdivide nicely. There is an electric motor and pump which goes with the place, and the well would supply water for irrigating.

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